

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on line 5 of page 1, ending at line 6 of page 1, with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a continuation-in-part of our co-pending U.S. patent application no. 09/642,348, which was filed on August 21, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,494,061 B1 (Dec. 17, 2002).

Please replace the paragraph beginning on line 23 of page 8, ending at line 23 of page 8, with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 9 is a view taken in the direction of the arrow 9 of Fig. 5;

Please replace the paragraph beginning on line 10 of page 13, ending at line 3 of page 14, with the following amended paragraph:

The support member 24 has at least one inlet 26 for a gaseous coolant medium, shown as two such inlets for introduction of air or another gas into a space 28 that underlies the bight 22e of the member 22. The gas that is introduced into the space 28 can be used to indirectly cool the member 22, in which case one of the inlets 26 will be used as an outlet and a longitudinally extending partition (not shown) will extend for a major portion of the length of the

space 28, between the inlets 26, to direct coolant into a pair of cooling passages that are connected in series. Alternatively, and as shown, the member 22 can be provided with a multitude spaced-apart apertures 30. Such apertures will permit gaseous coolant from the space 28 to flow into contact with gobs passing through the gob scoop 20 to further cool the member 22 and to levitate or partly levitate the gobs passing through the gob scoop 20 to thereby speed up their arrival times at the lower end 22b of the member 22. The member 22 may be cast from a suitable heat-resistant stainless steel or aluminum in which case the support member 24 is preferably cast integrally with the member 22. The support member 24 and the member 22 may also be fabricated from separate pieces.